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Community Notice: Harbor Boulevard parking garage closes top three levels for stairwell repairs

Ventura, Calif. - Starting on May 31, 2022, the City of Ventura will close three parking levels and a stairwell in the Harbor Boulevard parking structure in advance of repairs. The structure is located at Harbor Boulevard and California Street at the Ventura Pier.

"Public safety is at the forefront of our decision making," said Public Works Facilities Manager Barbara McCormack. "Out of an abundance of caution, we will close the stairwell and parking levels 3, 4, and 5 as a proactive measure until repairs can be done to the stairwell."

The closure comes after a structural analysis indicated corrosion of steel and concrete in the southwest stairwell closest to the pier. Access to the stairwell will be closed off starting on the second level of the parking structure. The overall structural analysis of the parking structure, which was built in 1972, remains in moderate condition.

The stairwell repair project requires two phases. First, an egress plan to ensure pedestrian safety as the stairwell is being closed in advance of the construction, and then second, the construction or repair phase on the stairwell. Repairs to the stairwell are under consideration and will be provided when available.

Approximately 170 parking spaces remain available in the Harbor Boulevard parking garage. Additional parking is located at the San Buenaventura State Beach, Lot C at 1601 Harbor Boulevard, and the downtown parking garage at 522 East Santa Clara Avenue.

For questions or additional information, please contact Barbara McCormack, Fleet and Facilities Manager, at bmcormak@cityofventura.ca.gov or visit the City's website at www.CityofVentura.ca.gov.